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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003 (Paper No. 17). Applicants are concurrently submitting (1) a Request for Extension of Time (two-months) and a check for the requisite fee (\$210.00); and (2) a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 made by the applicants of the referenced application.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: